



# Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

## Term Dates 2017/18

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Break up for Easter
- 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Egg Hunt - Friends
- 9<sup>th</sup> April  
School re-opens for summer term
- 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Height and Weight YR and Y6
- 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Orienteering event
- 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Netball match vs Keldmarsh
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Y5/6 Jorvik trip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Tour de Yorkshire
- 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Netball match vs Molescroft
- 14<sup>th</sup> May  
SATs week Y6
- 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Hockey tournament
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Kwik Cricket event Y5/6
- 24<sup>th</sup> May  
School closes for half term
- 25<sup>th</sup> May  
Training Day – school closed
- 4<sup>th</sup> June  
School re-opens

## A fond farewell...

I cannot quite believe the time has come for me to leave my post as Headteacher of Hutton Cranswick School. When I stepped through the door 4 years ago, I clearly remember my first engagement with the school community – a meeting in the hall with parents, governors and the LA with demands on what we were going to do to ensure the school was to move out of RI and become a good school again.

We worked together to decide on a vision statement and I think we came up with a fantastic one: *Aspire, Believe, Succeed – Together We Achieve*. We also put together some aims, and my favourite one is still the last one; *Grow good people who are inspired to make a difference to our community and our world*. That was a pretty bold aim, but one we have started to tackle and I am fully confident will continue to push forwards.

Reading Ray Sharpe's letter earlier in the week it was really pleasing to reflect on the changes made to the building, IT, facilities etc. We have managed to persist and somehow find a lot of money! But those physical changes are really only at the surface. The largest change has come through creating a team of people who not only want the best for your children, but are also extremely highly-skilled people. I don't think there are so many schools who can hand on heart declare that the children in their school will get a fantastic deal in whichever year they are taught. Hutton Cranswick has this and more.

The positive feel of the school is my proudest achievement. It is a happy place to be, a place where children and adults can thrive. The conditions are set and I know that Mrs Burkinshaw will be the perfect person to continue the journey to what we said the school should be.

Thank you all for supporting me also. No headteacher can please everyone but all I have ever tried to do is make the correct decision for the children at school and so many of you have backed that. Please continue to do that for Mrs Burkinshaw and her team in the future as together we can achieve far greater things.

This has been the most amazing four years personally too – I came with one baby and now have 3 beautiful children. The memories of my life are intertwined with memories of Hutton Cranswick and for that I am grateful. I hope to be working alongside the school for years to come and it will always hold a special place in my heart.

However, if we ever meet in any sporting events, don't be expecting any favours! Have a safe and enjoyable Easter.

**Kris Henderson**

## Fairtrade Fun

As we are a FairAchiever School, for Fairtrade Fortnight 2018 we held a competition for writing and performing a Fairtrade song. The children worked really well together in teams and produced songs that were catchy, performed well (even with actions) and really clearly shared the Fairtrade message.

We invited our Governors in to judge our Fairtrade songs in a special assembly. It was a really tricky job as all of the finalists from every class performed so confidently, but our overall winners were a team from Reception. Year 5 and Year 6 were joint runners up. Please see our Fairtrade winners performing their song on our Twitter feed.



## Reading Miles Challenge

A perfect way to spend some spare time this Easter is to take the time to read. Many children are well on their way around the world, hopefully Easter will see most of them complete the journey.

So don't forget – Keep Reading!

